

**TESTIMONY: SB-552**  
**SENATE ETHICS AND GOV'T OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**  
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Chairman Risser, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today on behalf of Senate Bill 522

Earlier I was contacted by a constituent who works for a large company that does business throughout the country.

Like many other employers this business holds employee contests including random drawings in which their employees can win trips and other prizes. These drawings are often based on the referrals they generate for the business. So, for example, for every successful referral an employee obtains they are entered into one of these drawings.

The problem raised by my constituent, however, is that Wisconsin law bars employees in our state from taking part in these types of contests because under the law these contests are considered gambling.

This bill seeks to make it possible for employees to participate in these types of contests by making it clear that an employee's referral of a potential customer does not constitute consideration

under our prohibition on gambling. That it is not the same thing as someone paying money to participate in a gambling event or enterprise.